

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH 1921 - 2021

Following last week's announcement of the death of The Duke of Edinburgh, we are aware that some people we support may want to send messages of condolence. The Council have opened an [online book of condolence](#). If people do not have internet access or would prefer to send a written message of condolence they can post it to:

The Lord Mayor's Office, 2nd floor, City Hall,
Bradford, BD1 1HY.

A national online book of condolence is also open on the [Royal website](#)

Flags across our district have been lowered as a mark of respect.



OCCUPANCY SUPPORT SCHEME

Period 7 of the Occupancy Support Scheme ends this week. To make a claim, download the form [HERE](#) and send the completed application to HWB.Digital.Innovation@bradford.gov.uk by 25 April 2021.

Forms received after this date will not be processed.

COVID-19 SUPPORT TEAM WEEKLY VLOG

The latest instalment is available to view [HERE](#). You definitely don't want to miss this one!

NATIONAL BOOKING SYSTEM

We understand that the NBS will be back online for social care staff by Monday 19 April. The letter [HERE](#) outlines this and the latest plan.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO VOTE IN LOCAL AND MAYORAL ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY MAY 6

Care home providers will already have been having discussions with their residents about voting in the local and mayoral elections and outlining what their options are in terms of voting. Newly issued government guidance regarding care home visits states that where care homes wish to allow visits out, a risk assessment must be carried out, all residents leaving the care home must take a Lateral Flow Test immediately before the visit and that these residents must then self-isolate within the care home for 14 days once they return.

This guidance applies to residential care homes for older and working age adults and may have an impact on those people wishing to vote in person at a polling station on May 6. It does not apply to individuals in Supported Living accommodation.

In light of the new guidance, care home staff may wish to revisit their initial conversations with residents, letting them know that if they wish to vote in person they may be impacted by the guidance on self-isolating. It is important that all available options are outlined to everyone. These are:

Voting by post (registrations close on April 20)

Voting by proxy (registrations close on April 27)

Voting in person on May 6 (and self-isolating afterwards)

All residents who decide that they now wish to vote by post should be supported to register for a postal vote before the April 20 deadline. (See details here: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/voting-by-post/>) It should be possible to email scanned postal vote application forms directly to Bradford Electoral Services up to and including April 20.

All visits to the polling station would require a risk assessment, and it would be expected that the necessary mitigations would be put in place by providers to ensure that someone who still wants to vote in person is enabled to do so. For example, residents could be escorted to the polling station after receiving tests, wearing full PPE; this would enable people to vote without the need to isolate on return.

Although this guidance does not apply to individuals in supported living, social workers will be contacting all of the supported living properties again to ensure that everyone understands their options and that people have been supported to apply for postal votes should they wish to.

If you require any support or further information, please contact the Covid-19 Support Team; 01274 43199 - Covid19SupportTeam@bradford.gov.uk

CAPACITY TRACKER NEW QUESTION

Now that second vaccinations are well under way in many areas, there is a new question on capacity tracker from today asking how many staff have had their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccination. Please can providers update this information as soon as possible

HOW TO COMPLETE THE PROVIDER INFORMATION RETURN (PIR)

A really useful guidance document on how to complete the Provider Information Return (PIR) has been uploaded to the [Provider Zone](#)

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON COVID-19 VACCINES IN OLDER ADULT CARE HOMES

The government is launching a consultation on making Covid-19 vaccination a condition of work for people who are deployed in older adult care homes.

You can find more information [HERE](#) and you can participate in the consultation [HERE](#)

VACCINATION AWARDS

The Covid-19 Support Team is continuing to send out awards signed by Iain Macbeath, Strategic Director of Health and Wellbeing, and Sarah Muckle, Director of Public Health, at Bradford Council.

The latest figures from Capacity Tracker are available to view below:

Award Type	Award Criteria	Number of Services Eligible*
No Award	Below 70%	65
Bronze	Above 70%	29
Silver	Above 80%	46
Gold	Above 90%	35
Platinum	100%	16

WEST YORKSHIRE AND HARROGATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME – APPLICATIONS OPEN

The Fellowship Programme was formally known as The BAME Fellowship. The programme will start on 5 July 2021 and the closing date for applications is 30 April 2021.

This opportunity is aimed at those who are looking to move into a senior leadership role that requires accredited qualification with leadership experience. The Programme lasts for two years with a number of different modules. All details are available through the West Yorkshire & Harrogate Partnership pages [HERE](#)

If you have any questions please direct these to Sam Kelly Samantha.kelly23@nhs.net. Application support workshops are also being run throughout April.

REFERRALS TO THE CONTINENCE SERVICE

A series of documents have been uploaded to the Provider Zone that we hope help you with the care you deliver and aids the referral process. The forms are for both new patient referrals and patients requiring a reassessment of their needs.

New referrals to the Continence Service:

All initial assessments (this is when a patient is not in receipt of products/pads) require the referral forms to be fully completed. Please ensure that all questions have a response. It is also essential that relevant bladder diaries and bowel charts are completed correctly in full. This gives the Continence Service information to ensure the appropriate conservative advice and management/correct product (where appropriate) is prescribed for the care home resident. Failure to complete the forms correctly could result in the referral being declined.

Please note the aim is to improve an individual's incontinence where possible.

Reassessment of a patient is required on an annual basis. This is to review their needs and see if further input is required from the Continence Service.

This includes individuals who are currently receiving products/pads).

The Continence Service require a fax cover sheet asking for a reassessment and a fully completed bladder diary and/or bowel chart depending on reason for referral.

On receipt of these forms the Assistant Practitioner that covers your care home within the Continence Service will arrange a date and time to perform the assessments with a staff member of the care home.

DATA FOR THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR IN BRADFORD

	Latest	Change
Deaths	0	0
Infections	10	-2
Outbreaks	10	-4
Occupancy	74%	+%
Care Home Tracker Completed	96%	-3%
Home Support Tracker Completed	82%	+4%

HOME SUPPORT PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Locality Providers	Other Providers
21	12	9

CARE HOME PLACEMENTS (last 7 days)

Total Placements	Change
13	N/A

CARE HOME VACANCY DETAILS (last 7 days, both Residential and Nursing)

PERCENTAGE OCCUPIED	NUMBER OF HOMES
Under 70%	29
71% to 85%	35
86%+ Occupied	42

Bradford Care Home Occupancy Rate



Bradford Care Homes with a Covid-19 Outbreak



Bradford Care Home Completed Tracker in last 7 days



Number of Covid-19 Infections



BCA UPDATES

WEEKLY UPDATES FROM BCA

CQC Quality Workshop - 21st April (13:30 - 16:00)

The BCA, in partnership with Brightening Minds are hosting a Quality Workshop. The Workshop will focus on CQC and will include:

- CQC What's New
- Q+A with CQC Inspection Manager
- Provider Information Return
- Working Towards Outstanding

During the workshop we will be discussing the new PIR.

[Click here for the New PIR Guidance](#)

[Click here - Residential questions for the PIR](#)

[Click here - Community questions for the PIR](#)

[Click here - Shared Lives questions for PIR](#)

[Click here - Specialist college questions for PIR](#)

Maybe some useful bedtime reading prior to the Workshop.

[Click to get your FREE TICKET from EventBrite.](#)

If having any problems booking your place please email admin@bradfordcareassociation.org

Looking for Vaccine Champions

BCA are looking for Vaccine Champions that will be happy to share their vaccine story with others that are maybe a little hesitant to take it.

This would involve a short, low level of input chat over zoom, no presentation needed, where staff can ask questions and have a informal discussion about why they were hesitant at first + why they took the vaccine. This person could be a carer, cleaner, manager, chef maintenance or office staff. Anyone is welcome!

Please ask your staff within your service if they would be happy to help!

If so please email admin@bradfordcareassociation.org or text 07807799456 with yours or an employees interest!



OUR MEMBERS FACEBOOK PAGE IS LIVE! CLICK [HERE](#) TO ACCESS THE PAGE

REGISTERED MANAGERS WHATSAPP GROUP

It is an opportunity to link with others so we can learn from each other's experiences, share good practice and importantly contribute to shaping how the sector collectively responds to our new normal. The invitation is open to all Registered and Senior Managers.

SEND YOUR NUMBER, NAME AND ORGANISATION TO 07807799456 TO JOIN!

BCA MEETINGS + ZOOM INFO

You can access all BCA's Meetings using the Zoom information below:

Meeting ID: 933 772 1608
Password: Bradford20

Provider Update - Tuesday 10:30-11:30

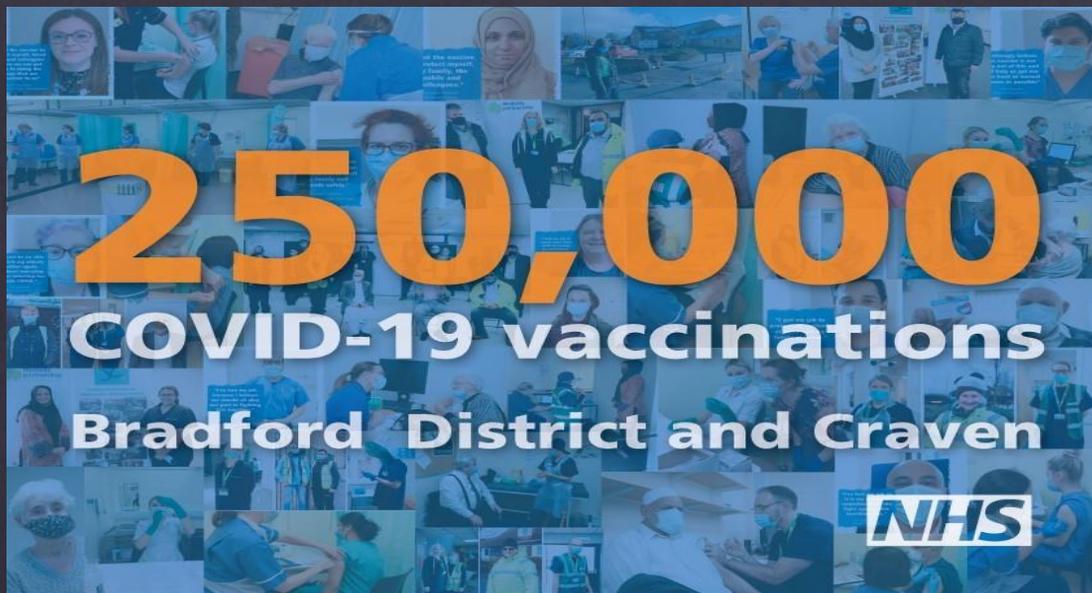
IPC Meeting - Tuesday 10:30 - 11:30

Please note the Provider Update and IPC run alternative to each other

Registered Managers Reference Meeting - takes place on the third Wednesday of every month 15:30 - 16:30

BCA MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting	Date	Time
Provider Update	Tues, 20 April	10:30 – 11:30
Quality Workshop – Part I - CQC	Wed, 21 April	13:30 – 16:00
IPC Update	Tues, 27 April	10:30 – 11:30



**STAY SAFE, MAKE SPACE
AND VENTILATE**

